

There is absolutely no need to mandate laws regarding copy protection. Let the companies/broadcasters implement this properly.

Laws mandating "copy protection" absolutely in no way stop people from doing the copying, since people who want to will just break the law. The broadcast/television companies need to put forth the effort and engineering to produce a true copy-protected medium that cannot be hacked, independent of such near useless things as laws. If they had done this from the start, versus spending years in lawsuits instead of real engineering, there wouldn't be massive copying. Furthermore, a law would force on me something I don't want - copy-protection. If its not a law, then people can choose to pay for services that only use non-protected mechanisms, and boycott the copy-protected broadcasts. With a law, we lose this choice, once and forever. If the broadcast companies are not able to put forth the effort to just engineer a proper solution, then they don't need to put out their broadcasts at all - if I have a valuable, I don't trust laws to protect it, I put it in a safe - laws never have and never will stop thieves. Proper technological safety measures stop thieves.